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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated December 30, 2004. A petition for an extension of time with the required fee is attached. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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